

USEFUL CONSTELLATION LISTS AND MORE

The 12 Star Signs (Zodiac Signs)

Aries, Gemini, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.

Constellations According to month, when they are seen at their best (9pm) meaning at their highest point

January - Caelum, Dorado, Mensa, Orion, Reticulum, Taurus

February - Auriga, Camelopardalis, Canis Major, Columba, Gemini, Lepus, Monoceros, Pictor

March - Cancer, Canis Minor, Carina, Lynx, Puppis, Pyxis, Vela, Volans

April - Antlia, Chamaeleon, Crater, Hydra, Leo, Leo Minor, Sextans, Ursa Major

May - Canes Venatici, Centaurus, Coma Berenices, Corvus, Crux, Musca, Virgo

June - Boötes, Circinus, Libra, Lupus, Ursa Minor

July - Apus, Ara, Corona Borealis, Draco, Hercules, Norma, Ophiuchus, Scorpius, Serpens, Triangulum Australe

August - Corona Austrina, Lyra, Sagittarius, Scutum, Telescopium

September - Aquila, Capricornus, Cygnus, Delphinus, Equuleus, Indus, Microscopium, Pavo, Sagitta, Vulpecula

October - Aquarius, Cepheus, Grus, Lacerta, Octans, Pegasus, Piscis Austrinus

November - Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Phoenix, Pisces, Sculptor, Tucana

December - Aries, Cetus, Eridanus, Fornax, Horologium, Hydrus, Perseus, Triangulum

Months

January – named in honour of the Roman god Janus the protector of doors

February – named derived from the Roman verb ‘februum’ which means to cleanse.

March – named in honour of Mars, the Roman God of war.

April – named derived from the Latin word ‘aperiō’, to bud, to open (for buds)

May – named after the Roman goddess Maia, Goddess of Spring

June - named after Juno, the Roman Goddess of Love and Marriage

July – named after Julius Caesar

August – named after Augustus Caesar

September – so named as it was the seventh month on the Roman Calendar (septem in Latin)

October – so named as it was the eighth month on the Roman Calendar (octo in Latin)

November – so named as it was the ninth month on the Roman Calendar (novem in Latin)

December – so named as it was the tenth month on the Roman Calendar (decem in Latin)

Constellations

88 optical illusions crawl across the sky

Trailing myths and legends in their wake,

As Gods and monsters slowly fade away

We’ll find new shapes among the points of light

And tell ourselves new stories around the fire,

New myths and legends for a star-struck age.

- John Francis Haines (UK)

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